



Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and the Friends' of Fort McHenry Present



STAR-SPANGLED BANNER "DEFENDERS' DAY" WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 11, 12, & 13, 2015

Fort McHenry's flagship event—this three-day encampment and extravaganza is celebrated with over 65 War of 1812 living historians, parades, military bands, fireworks, a symbolic ship-to-shore bombardment and much more! The Star-Spangled Banner Weekend honors Defenders' Day, Baltimore's oldest holiday commemorating the bombardment of Fort McHenry and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner!"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00PM: Procession through Locust Point! Join the Fort McHenry Guard Fife & Drum Corps as they lead a procession from Tide Point/Under Armour along Hull Street and down Fort Avenue with fife and drum concert parading to Fort McHenry.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9AM–6PM*: Large living history encampment & more. Featuring military drills, cooking demonstrations, musket drills, dress parade and Star-Spangled Banner flag interactive activities. Kids & adults can join in the fun!

- 10:00AM** Raising of the troop, roll calls, flag raising, orders of the day. {Star Fort}
- 11:00AM** Guard Mount – See the changing of the guard! Sentinels will take their posts and be rotated according to the regulations and formality of the early Nineteenth Century. {In and around the historic Star Fort}
- 12:00PM & 4:15PM** "Protect the Pensions, Preserve the Legacy" A talk about the importance of preserving pensions from the War of 1812. {Visitor Center}
- 12:15PM** "The Pride Lives on! Privateering, the Baltimore armed Schooners and their Legacy" {Pride of Baltimore II @dock}
- 1:15PM** "The Roar of the Drum!" Explore the legacy of fife & drum music from the War of 1812 and how it affected the military {Star Fort}
- 2:00 PM** "The Music tells the Story" Join the Baltimore Brass for a 45-min big band Concert! Set in the shadow of the historic Fort, amid WWII vehicles, the narrated concert will focus on the role of music in WWII. {Star Fort}
- 3:15 PM** "Fort McHenry in World War II" - A guided activity, led by Ranger Shannon McLucas, detailing the role the fort played as a USCG base, the importance of the Annual Defenders' Day commemoration and how the legacy of 1814 was felt in WWII. {Meet at Chesapeake Bay Map}
- 3:30** "Remembrance – a Legacy of Sacrifice" – Special raising of the troop, names of those killed in the Battle of North Point 201 years ago to the minute are read in public. {Star Fort}
- 4:30PM – 5:00 PM** "What stirring Music!" - Fife & Drum concert with a flag change {Star Fort}
- 5:00PM** "Semper Paratus!" – Fort McHenry's use as a U.S. Coast Guard training base Power Point presentation {Visitor Center}

5–9PM: Friends of Fort McHenry's Annual Star-Spangled Spectacular Reception. Experience the evening show while enjoying a lavish buffet from Atlantic Caterers, Ryleigh's Oysters, Heavy Seas Beer, Atlantic Wines, raffles, and more. Tickets: Adults \$75 & Children \$15 available on www.friendsoffortmchenry.org or 410.962.4290 ext. 850.

6:30PM Join us for the highlight of the weekend! The grand evening program! {Park Grounds; FREE}

Celebrate Baltimore's oldest holiday in grand style as we commemorate the 201st anniversary of the successful defense of the city from British attack and the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," our national anthem. This memorable program is free! Visitors are invited to bring coolers and lawn chairs to watch the spectacular celebration. The "big show" includes:

- ★ Opening Parade by War of 1812 Re-enactors
- ★ Special recognition to World War II veterans!
- ★ Fife and Drum Concert by the Fort McHenry Guard!
- ★ Concert by the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus ending with the "1812 Overture!" -
- ★ Firing by Presidential Salute Battery!
- ★ "By Rockets Red Glare!" Symbolic Ship-to-Shore Bombardment – watch the cannons of the fort fire down the river as pyrotechnic "bombs" explode over the fort
- ★ Huge 30-minute Firework Show!



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Sunday, September 13

- 9:00AM-3:00PM*** Featuring military drills, cooking demonstrations, musket drills, dress parade and Star-Spangled Banner flag interactive activities. Kids & adults can join in the fun!
- 10:00AM** Special raising of the troop, names of those killed at Fort McHenry in 1814 will be read, flag will be raised, troops to march to Claggett’s Bastion and Water Battery for a moment of silence and presentation of arms. {Star Fort}
- 11:00AM** Guard Mount – See the changing of the guard in and around the fort. Sentinels will take their posts and be rotated according to the regulations and formality of the early Nineteenth Century. {Star Fort}
- 12:15PM** “The Pride Lives on! Privateering, the Baltimore armed Schooners and their Legacy”
{Pride of Baltimore II @dock}
- 1:00PM** “The Roar of the Drum!” Explore fife and drum music from the War of 1812 and how its legacy lived on in the Civil War. {Star Fort}
- 1:30PM** “Fort McHenry in World War II” A guided activity, led by Ranger Shannon McLucas, detailing the role the fort played as a USCG base, the importance of the Annual Defenders’ Day commemoration and how the legacy of 1814 was felt in 1945. {Meet at Chesapeake Bay Map}
- 2:00PM** Raising of the troop, roll calls, final formation of the day.

***PARK HOURS: FRIDAY 9AM-5PM | SATURDAY 9AM-9PM | SUNDAY 9AM-5PM**

ADMISSION: DAY \$10 per adult (age 16 & up) & FREE for children | Saturday Evening Show – 6PM – Fireworks: FREE!

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